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The Solicitor-General, on behalf of the United States, moves the court to advance the above-entitled cause on the docket for early hearing.

The question involved is the classification of figured cotton cloth under the tariff act of 1897. Upon petition of the United States a writ of certiorari was granted on January 2nd, 1906, and to that reference is made for a more detailed account of the matters involved.

The case is intended as a test one. There are now in the office of the Board of United States General Appraisers over six thousand protests in which decision is suspended awaiting the final determination of this cause; and more than two hundred protests are being added each month. That Board is exceedingly anxious to clear up its dockets, and early action by the court will materially aid it in so doing.

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The petition for certiorari pointed out that the question involved affects domestic manufacturers producing an estimated annual product worth fifty million dollars, and it is highly important to them, and others who may desire to produce similar goods, that they be definitely advised as early as may be what the law is. If the duty now being collected is too high the interest of consumers will be subserved by an early adjudication to that effect.

I submit that the case is one which merits the consideration of the court at the present term.

Notice of this motion has been given to counsel for the respondents.

HENRY M. HOYT,
Solicitor-General.

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